

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24
CONDEMNING RECENT HATE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDERS

WHEREAS, following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021 there have been 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate incidents and crimes reported from 50 States and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, during this timeframe, race has been cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of incidents; and

WHEREAS, roughly 36 percent of these incidents took place at a business and more than 2,000,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses have contributed to the diverse fabric of American life; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander youth under 20 years old make up roughly 13 percent of victims; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander elderly over 60 years old make up around 7 percent of victims; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander women make up a majority of victims; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to American culture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis:

- 1.) Affirms that the City of St. Louis stands united in condemning and denouncing any and all anti-Asian and Pacific Islander sentiment in any form;
- 2.) Condemns all manifestations or expressive of racism, and anti-Asian and Pacific Islander or ethnic intolerance; and
- 3.) Calls on local, state, and Federal law enforcement officials and local, state, and Federal officials —
 - A. To expeditiously and vigorously investigate all reports of Asian and Pacific Islander hate crimes in the United States; and
 - B. To hold the perpetrators of those crimes accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Introduced on the 21st day of May, 2021, by:

The Honorable Bret Narayan, Alderman 24th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward

The Honorable Lisa Middlebrook, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

The Honorable Brandon Bosley, Alderman 3rd Ward

The Honorable Dwinderlin Evans, Alderwoman 4th Ward
The Honorable James Page, Alderwoman 5th Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable John Coatar, Alderman 7th Ward
The Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward
The Honorable Dan Guenther, Alderman 9th Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward
The Honorable Sarah Martin, Alderwoman 11th Ward
The Honorable Bill Stephens, Alderwoman 12th Ward
The Honorable Anne Schweitzer, Alderwoman 13th Ward
The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward
The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Thomas Oldenburg, Alderman 16th Ward
The Honorable Tina Pihl, Alderman 17th Ward
The Honorable Jesse Todd, Alderman 18th Ward
The Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
The Honorable Cara Spencer, Alderwoman 20th Ward
The Honorable John Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward
The Honorable Jeffrey Boyd, Alderman 22nd Ward
The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward
The Honorable Shane Cohn, Alderman 25th Ward
The Honorable Shameem Clark Hubbard, Alderwoman 26th Ward
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 27th Ward
The Honorable Heather Navarro, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted the 21st day of May, 2021, as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen